

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors held a scheduled meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room located at 171 Price Lane, Appomattox, Virginia.

Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

Present:

Samuel E. Carter	Courthouse District
William H. Hogan	Appomattox River District
Watkins M. Abbitt	Piney Mountain District
John F. Hinkle	Falling River District
Trevor L. Hipps	Wreck Island District

Also, Present:

Susan M. Adams, County Administrator
Tom Lacheney, County Attorney
Johnnie Roark, Community Development Director
Wanda McCormick, Administrative Assistant/Accounts Payable Clerk
Ace Bailey, IT Manager

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Mr. Hinkle

SETTING OF AGENDA

The County Administrator, Susan Adams requested that the Agenda be amended to delete the appearance of Mr. Chip Dicks, Gentry Locke Law Firm who had requested to appear before the Board. Motion made by Mr. Hinkle, seconded by Mr. Hogan and carried with all other members present voting yes to approve the Agenda, as amended.

WORK SESSION

Mrs. Susan Adams, County Administrator reviewed budget requests from the County departments and outside agencies with the Board. Also, Mrs. Adams provided a “revised” FY 2022 Budget Calendar.

Motion made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Mr. Abbitt and carried with all other members present voting yes to adopt the “revised” FY 2022 budget calendar.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Jo Billings of 5567 Wildway Road, Appomattox, Virginia addressed the Board and asked that they support a proposed resolution that condemns the practice of forced organ harvesting in China. The resolution has been passed in Loudoun County, Fairfax County, Shenandoah County and Prince William County.

APPEARANCES

Mr. James Beazley and Mr. Ty Flowers with Dominion Energy appeared before the Board and provided a presentation on solar sites, changes in solar legislation and future projects.

Ms. Kelly Hitchcock, Director of Planning and Development with the Central Virginia Planning District Commission appeared before the Board and presented the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2020 and the below resolution for adoption.

A Resolution of the County of Appomattox Authorizing the Adoption of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2020 Update

WHEREAS, the County of Appomattox and the entire Central Virginia Planning District region have exposure to natural hazards that can affect the safety to life, property, businesses, and local economy; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation, or actions, before a disaster even can lessen or eliminate long-term risk and impacts of hazards to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-228, as amended), Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), requires development of pre-disaster mitigation plan as a requirement for eligibility for federal pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Planning District Hazard Mitigation Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of a coalition of local, regional, state, business, and citizen stakeholders, that included dedicated Appomattox County representation and representation of each of the ten (10) Central Virginia Planning District localities, lead a pre-disaster planning process according to FEMA regulations; and

WHEREAS, the planning team completed a planning process that engaged the public, assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, developed mitigation strategies consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and includes an evaluation, maintenance, and revision process; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have reviewed, and on January 22, 2021 Approved Pending Adoption (APA) was granted to the Central Virginia Planning District Commission Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2020 Update;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors that the Central Virginia Planning District Commission Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2020 Update is hereby approved and adopted for Appomattox County.

Motion made by Mr. Hinkle, seconded by Mr. Hogan and carried with all other members present voting yes to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2020 Resolution.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution of Opposition to the Proposed Joshua Falls to Gladstone Powerline Route through Appomattox County.

WHEREAS, Appalachian Power has expressed the need to upgrade the electric transmission network serving customers in Central Virginia through the Central Virginia Transmission Reliability Project; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Power has published route options for the portion of the project running from the Joshua Falls substation in Campbell County to the Gladstone substation in Nelson County; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Power has included the option to cross a significant portion of northwestern Appomattox County with this new transmission line, with no benefit to Appomattox County or its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Power, if permitted to build this transmission line, will create a right-of-way by the taking of private property; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Power, if permitted to build this transmission line, will spoil the rural viewshed of the area; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Power has also raised concerns for requesting two significant rate increases over the past eighteen months.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors does hereby stand in opposition to the building of Appalachian Power's Joshua Falls to Gladstone transmission line through any part of Appomattox County since the county will not benefit in any way from the linking of these two substations located in neighboring counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors directs that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Virginia State Corporation Commission on behalf of the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Mr. Abbitt to adopt the “Resolution of Opposition to the Proposed Joshua Falls to Gladstone Powerline Route through Appomattox County.” Chairman Carter called for a roll call vote: Mr. Abbitt-yes; Mr. Hinkle-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Mr. Hogan-yes; Mr. Carter-yes.

COJANA Incentive Agreement

Motion made by Mr. Abbitt, seconded by Mr. Hinkle to transfer by consent and appropriate \$25,000.00 to 8105-6007 Economic Development Special Projects fund to reimburse the EDA for an incentive agreement annual payment to COJANA, LLC. Chairman Carter called for a roll call vote: Mr. Abbitt-yes; Mr. Hinkle-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Mr. Hogan-yes; Mr. Carter-yes.

Sheriff's Department – Request for Generator

Mr. Bobby Wingfield, Public Safety Director addressed the Board and provided the Board with an estimated cost and grant funding options for a new generator in the Sheriff's office and the County Administration office. No action was taken by the Board.

Town of Pamplin – Community Development Block Grant

Motion made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Hinkle and carried with all other members presenting voting yes to approve and sign as the fiduciary agent on the DHCD planning grant to aid in the revitalization of the Town of Pamplin.

J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library – Additional State Library Funds for FY 2021

7301-5401	Office Supplies	\$1,182.00
7301-5414	Electronic Materials	\$200.00
7301-5417	Newspapers	\$1,000.00
7301-7002	Furniture	\$500.00
TOTAL:		\$2,882.00

Motion made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Mr. Hogan to supplement by consent and appropriate \$2,882.00 to the requested line items listed above. Chairman Carter called for a roll call vote: Mr. Abbitt-yes; Mr. Hinkle-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Mr. Hogan-yes; Mr. Carter-yes.

School Appropriation Request of \$397,595 in Local Funds to the School FY 2021 Operating Budget

Motion made by Mr. Abbitt, seconded by Mr. Hinkle to table the School appropriation request until the April 19, 2021 meeting and if the appropriation amount is over 1% of the budget, allow staff to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing. Chairman Carter called for a roll call vote: Mr. Abbitt-yes; Mr. Hinkle-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Mr. Hogan-yes; Mr. Carter-yes.

Carver-Price Legacy Museum Request

Tabled to the April 19, 2021 Board meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Board of Zoning Appeal Appointment

Tabled to the April 19, 2021 Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Invoices Submitted for Payment

Please review the attached invoices and approve for payment:

March 4, 2021	\$47,522.52
March 12, 2021 - CSA	\$295,735.29
March 15, 2021	\$460,915.95
TOTAL:	\$804,173.76

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Please review and consider approval of the attached invoices for payment.

Minutes

Please review the following DRAFT minutes for approval:

February 11, 2021 Joint Meeting with School Board and Budget Work Session

February 16, 2021 Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting

February 23, 2021 Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session

Wireless Grant Fund

Please transfer by consent **\$28,911.09** from the Wireless Grant Fund and supplement to **3606-7001** Equipment. Mr. Wingfield discussed this expenditure with the Board at the February meeting at which time the Board of Supervisors suggested that the funds be transferred from the Wireless Communications Grant fund.

RE: EIM & SMS invoice (50% due) from Carousel Industries (\$28,911.09).

Circuit Court - Law Library

Please transfer by consent from the Law Library Fund to the General Fund and supplement the following:

2101-5804	Law Library	\$335.31
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RE: Purchase of law books by the Circuit Court Clerk for the Law Library.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Parks & Recreation Department

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

7102-5803	Refunds	\$150.00
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RE: Cancellation of Community Center rental due to COVID.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Comprehensive Services - CSA

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

5310-3001 Professional Services	\$9,157.97
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RE: Reimbursement from the Department of Social Services for services paid through CSA.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

7301-5411 Books	\$108.93
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7301-5401 Office Supplies	\$488.25
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TOTAL:	\$597.18
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Public Utilities - Waterline

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

082-1800-5898 Water (Wholesale)	\$10,996.11
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082-1800-5101 Electric Services	\$622.98
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082-1800-5203 Telecommunications	\$54.95
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TOTAL:	\$11,674.04
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RE: Reimbursement from the Town of Appomattox for January, 2021 waterline expenses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Landfill - Convenience Centers

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

4205-5407 Repairs & Maintenance	\$451.50
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RE: Refund from THC Enterprises, Inc./Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Information Technology

Please supplement by consent and appropriate to the following:

1220-5203 Telecommunications	\$254.51
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RE: Refund from U.S. Cellular due to account being changed from Business to Government.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Animal Control

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

3501-5804 Donations	\$120.00
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RE: Funds received from the sale of 3 dog houses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Sheriff's Department

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

3102-1002 Overtime	\$270.51
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3102-5408 Vehicle Power Supplies	\$1,567.80
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RE: Reimbursement from the School for security performed at the Middle School basketball game (\$58.42) and High School basketball games (\$212.09); Reimbursement from VACORP for claim submitted on 2016 Dodge Charger \$1417.80; Reimbursement for towing of a 2005 Chevrolet \$150.00.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Department of Social Services

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

5301-2002	VRS	\$12,056.43
5301-2006	Group Life	\$881.30
5301-2002	ICMA-RC	\$1,289.30
TOTAL:		\$14,227.03

RE: Reimbursement from DSS for February 26, 2021 payroll deductions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Motion made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Hipps to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Chairman Carter called for a roll call vote: Mr. Abbitt-yes; Mr. Hinkle-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Mr. Hogan-yes; Mr. Carter-yes.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Tom Lacheney addressed the question concerning a Planning Commission appointment that does not live within the District appointment. Mr. Lacheney reported that the County ordinance states that members **may** be appointed by election district.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

School – January, 2021 Financial Report

Animal Control Intake Report from Lynchburg Humane Society

SUPERVISOR CONCERNS

Mr. Hinkle expressed his concerns about the trash on Promise Land Road, Evergreen Road and Old Bethany Road.

Mr. Abbitt stated that it had been mentioned to give the Carver-Price Legacy Museum the title to the school building, but a member of the Carver-Price Legacy Museum board has expressed they do not want the building.

Mr. Hipps stated that it was a potential emergency status concerning the need for a generator at the Sheriff's Department and this was a significant issue.

Mr. Hogan expressed his concerns about the trash on the Highway 460, county line to county line.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Lacheney, County Attorney read the following Resolution authorizing a Closed Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County desires to discuss in Closed Meeting the following matter(s):

- Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel concerning animal control and Carver Price lease, and Eminent Domain.

WHEREAS, pursuant to: §2.2-3711 (A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County does hereby authorize discussion of the aforesated matters in Closed Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Abbitt, seconded by Mr. Hogan and carried with all other members present voting yes to enter into closed session at 7:57 p.m.

Mrs. Wanda McCormick read the following closed session certification at 8:26 p.m.: To the best of your knowledge, were the only matters discussed in the closed meeting public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and that only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting. Mrs. McCormick called for a roll call vote: Mr. Abbitt, yes; Mr. Hinkle, yes; Mr. Hipps, yes; Mr. Hogan, yes; Mr. Carter, yes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session
County Administration Office Conference Room
153A Morton Lane, Appomattox, Virginia

Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting & Budget Work Session
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
171 Price Lane, Appomattox, Virginia

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Abbitt, seconded by Mr. Carter and carried with all members present voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Samuel E. Carter, Chairman